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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR SECRETARY TO ADDRESS BERLIN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. WALTER COBLER, PRESIDENT OF BERLIN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, HAS APPROACHED US TO EXTEND INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO SPEAK BEFORE CHAMBER DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BERLIN. HE NOTED THAT SPEECH GIVEN BY THEN AMBASSADOR TO FRG RUSH BEFORE CHAMBER SHORTLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT IN 1971 HAD RECEIVED WIDESPREAD AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE PUBLICITY, AND THAT ADDRESS BY SECRETARY IN THIS FORUM COULD SIMILARLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE MAJOR IMPACT. WE HAVE INFORMED COBLER THAT THERE IS ALREADY OUTSTANDING INVITATION FOR SECRETARY TO SPEAK BEFORE BERLINERPRESSE-KONFERENZ DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT, AND THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING INVITATION FROM CHAMBER UNLESS LATTER WISHED TO ENTER INTO JOINT SPONSORSHIP WITH PRESSEKONFERENZ. WE UNDERTOOK, HOWEVER, TO TRANSMIT REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT.

2. COMMENT: OUR FEELING HERE IS THAT PRESSEKONFERENZ INVITATION SHOULD BE ACCORDED PRIORITY. PROSPECT OF JOINT SPONSORSHIP IS SLIGHT. GEORGE

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